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Title : DNA Probes, Method and Kit for Identifying Antibiotic-Resistant

Strains of Bacteria

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.